

# South Group 4 Fire

## PSCAT Daily Summary

**Date: 12/4/2019**

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### **Team 1** Lead – Ernie Shirley, CTEH

Participating Team Members, Stakeholders, Other

- Hope Davila-TCEQ
- MST3 Derrick Vinson-USCG
- Allison Broussard-Huntsman
- Claire Iseton-TP&W

**Team 1 Activity Today:** 25 Point observations in Div B on shoreline and water beginning in west of Div B proceeding easterly. 25 Point observations in Div E on shoreline and water beginning at Atlantic Road and proceeding southwesterly towards the pumping station, and then along with Team 2 on opposite side of channel from outfall 004 and beach area back towards the wetlands.

**Significant Comments/Observations:** An accumulation of material was observed in the first sorbent boom downstream of the pump in Div E at 29.970050, -93.922966. (See photo below). An ops crew was dispatched to address this and arrangements were made for CTEH to collect a sample for fingerprinting. **Team 1 & 2 consensus is that there is no oiling concern in Div E from outfall 004 and beach area back towards the tertiary treatment wetlands.**

### **Team 2** Lead – Paul Gracianette, CTEH

Participating Team Members, Stakeholders, Other

- Abel Garcia-TCEQ
- Nick Adams-USCG
- Trent Jones-Huntsman
- Bryan E TP&W

**Team 2 Activity Today:** 12 Point observations on shore and water beginning at west end of Division C and proceeding easterly thru all of Div C. Small amount of emulsified product at one spot, contained in boom near the DD7 pumping station intake. Point observations on shore and water in Div E from Atlantic Road to tertiary treatment wetlands, and then along with Team 1 on opposite side of channel from outfall 004 and beach area back towards wetlands. No oil observed in this portion of Div E.

**Significant Comments/Observations:** Small amount of emulsified product at one spot, contained in boom near the DD7 pumping station intake in Div C. Observed 1 dead fish in Div C and reported to wildlife. Significant amount of wildlife present (alligators,

turtles, white egrets, etc.). **Team 1 & 2 consensus that there is no oiling concern in Div E from outfall 004 and beach area back towards the tertiary treat wetlands.**

**General Comments:**

- **Shoreline Assessment Plan approved by Unified Command on 12/4/2019.** (*Process for the incident dubbed as Point SCAT (PSCAT)*)
- Cleanup crews plan to start trimming low hanging vegetation/tree limbs along the shoreline in the 001-outfall canal that are causing an accumulation of oil and or oily debris. Ernie Shirley (Team 1) discussed this with Trent Jones and Allison Broussard of Huntsman and they gave permission to proceed.
- As of today, we have current point observations in all divisions.



Photo 1 – Material observed in first sorbent boom downstream of the pump station in Div E.

**Planned Activity for Tomorrow:** Team 1 & 2 leads and a SOSC rep to observe and monitor cleanup operations in Div A & B. No point observations anticipated to be collected unless specific circumstances warrant.

**End of Report.**